

CAUSES OF A PUBLIKE
Thanksgiving appointed by the Generall Assembly,
To bee kepted on the last LORDS Day
of September, 1647.

That the Lord hath been pleased to grant so happy and glorious a successe to our Army imployed against the Rebels, which mercy as it is considerable in it self, so is it much more eminent, in regard of these and other circumstances which do accompany it.

1. That after so many essayes wherein we were put to the worse before the Enemy, the work was apprehended, not only to be difficult, but almost impossible in the judgements of men.
 2. That notwithstanding of all the difficultie thereof, The Lord hath brought it to passe in a very short time, and with the expence of very little blood.
 3. That he carried our Army as on Eagles wings over Sea and Land, and in his gracious providence so disposed of all events and difficulties as they did contribute for furthering of the Work.
 4. That in the midst of the greatest straits he kept the Army from murmuring, and not only furnished them with patience and courage in the wants of things necessary, but subdued their Enemies before them, and gave into their hands many Garisons and strong holds, in an unexpected and more then ordinary way.
 5. That hee hath been pleased to dispence so great a mercy in such a point of time, wherein the pride and insolencie of the adversaries of the Work of Reformation in our Neighbour Land is come to so great a height, And not only threatneth the interruption thereof, But the overturning of all that is already done.
- I. That the Lord hath been pleased in this point of time, wherein the confusions of our Neighbour Land and our feares from thence are so great, To give us a Generall Assembly, which hath with much Unanimity of judgement issued a publike Declaration against the errours in *England*, And done those things that may contribute for preserving of Truth, and advancing of Holinesse amongst our selves.
- III. That the Lord hath been graciously pleased, to keep the Pestilence from spreading over the face of the Land, and to deliver the most eminent City of the Kingdome therefra, in a short time, after many thousands had fallen in her streets.

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